

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

February 11, 2014

**Relates to item # 40**

The Santa Monica Mountains portion of the Coastal Zone has lacked a certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) since the inception of the Coastal Act approximately 28 years ago. Without a certified LCP, unincorporated area homeowners and landowners alike must first go to the County for an approval in concept, and then must proceed to a years-long process at the Coastal Commission every time they wish to gain approval to build on their land. In other words, our constituents in the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone currently face twice the bureaucracy and twice the fees because the County lacks an LCP. Worse, permitting decisions are made on an ad hoc basis, denying both land owners and environmental stakeholders predictability as to what the rules will be on any given matter. Certifying an LCP will solve these problems and the LCP recommended by staff today represents the first realistic opportunity in nearly three decades to restore the County's land use permitting authority in the Santa Monica Mountains. Restoring local control is long over-due, and it should happen without delay.

Substantively, the recommended LCP will protect horse keeping, enhance visitor serving recreational uses, protect biological resources, improve water quality, and

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preserve the scenic beauty of the Santa Monica Mountains. While the support for any comprehensive land use plan will never be unanimous, this LCP has garnered the overwhelming support of local homeowners, as well as horse owners and the environmental community. It now deserves the full support of the Board of Supervisors.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors close the public hearing and adopt the staff recommendations, including those contained in the addendum to the Board Letter and those additional changes referenced at today's hearing.

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